

August 13, 2009 Dear Representative Carson,

I am a self-employed pastoral psychotherapist. For years, I had health insurance coverage through my husband. When he joined the Peace Corps a year ago, I lost that insurance. (Thank you for supporting his Peace Corps application last year; his work in the Peace Corps is meaningful and important.)

I am 57 years old and in reasonably good, but not perfect, health. I do have Type 2 diabetes, but do not need either medication or insulin to control it. When my husband left his job here in Indianapolis, not only was I unable to find comprehensive health insurance that I could afford, I was also turned down by all companies to which I applied.

My income, although modest, is too high for me to qualify for Hoosier Healthwise. I am left with catastrophic coverage only. I limit my visits to my physician and I have stopped taking one of my prescription medications because it costs dearly to pay for them out of pocket.

I know that I am not alone in my predicament. Many people in our community have lost their jobs. Others are working part-time (some work several part-time jobs), or are working on a contractual basis and do not receive benefits. Our nation urgently needs health care that is not tied to employment. Thank you for supporting a national health care plan that provides affordable coverage to working people without comprehensive health insurance.

Thank you,

Ellen Indianapolis, IN

August 13, 2009 Congressman Carson thank you for the opportunity to write to you. I will be short because I know you are busy. Please keep doing what you are doing and get the presidents plan passed. I work for the State of Indiana and my health care has gotten far worse than what it was when I started back in 1995. When it's time to reapply for healthcare I hear a lot of people complain about the choices but now that you and the president are doing something about it they are complaining about that. Sometimes a leader has to do what's best even though some people may disagree. Please pass healthcare.

My mom went many years without coverage and a few of my friends currently do not have coverage. Thank you. Marcus Indianapolis, IN

August 10, 2009 Hello Congressman Carson, I have been carefully listening to all sides of this issue, and what has concerned me, is that as someone who has great healthcare and prescription benefits, I don't want to change anything. I do understand that there are as you said in your newsletter 46 million uninsured Americans . My question is, why is it necessary to change the entire system, and instead concentrate on the uninsured? Furthermore, how many of the 46 million are not insured due to a decision that they have made? Some could have personal health savings programs, maybe some are Amish? Thanks for your time,

Nancy

Indianapolis
, IN

August 10, 2009 My experience with health care / insurance has been excellent for 72 years. If the House Bill becomes law, that will change. Have you heard the axiom "If it isn't broke, don't fix it"? The majority of Americans are happy with their health insurance and health care, and like me have been well served over the years. That will be ruined if this bill becomes law. An intelligent approach would be to only tinker with the parts of health insurance that seem to concern people i.e. the uninsured, taking into consideration that many millions of uninsured are that way by choice, not circumstance. Why should you ruin the best health care / insurance system in the world because it isn't working for a small minority of Americans? Just focus on that small minority and leave the rest of us alone. Above all, do not create any new government agency of any kind to make this work. Government is the worst kind of management in every aspect including cost and outcome. My comments are based on reading parts of the House Bill. I hope you have read it completely, thoroughly, and more than once.

Best.

Glenn

Indianapolis
, IN

August 10, 2009 Dear Congressman, I have had to change doctors several times in my business life because of medical insurance plan rules about in-plan versus out-of-plan coverage. So the scare tactic about the government choosing my doctor is just that.

It is the insurance companies that have limited my choice in doctors.

It is time to reform our health care system because it is too expensive and does not provide the best coverage.

It is time that we stop spending billions of dollars on dying patients in their final hours in unnecessary procedures and spend more money on keeping people healthy.

Sincerely,

John

Indianapolis
, IN

August 10, 2009 Dear Representative Carson, Personally, I have few complaints about the healthcare I have received. The biggest problem my family experiences is how long it takes sometimes to get an appointment. That problem would only magnify under a government run plan. While I agree there are problems with the current healthcare system, I only see a decline in the system with the proposed healthcare packages. The main problem is the underlying theme that a small bureaucratic group will be assigned by the administration to dictate what services will be provided and to whom. Our entire nation of people (with the exception of the Congress who won't subject themselves to what they want to submit everyone else to) will be at the mercy of a small group of government appointees. How can a group in a high ranking office better decide a patient's treatment than the doctor in the same room with the patient? Where will be the "empathy" for the individuals there? How will that be an improvement from a patient's perspective over our current situation? And how on earth would it ever be any cheaper with government involvement for the quality of care now provided?

Further, there is a certain culture of death mentality infiltrated through the current administration and much of Congress. While it is glossed over with smooth talk about reaching "common ground," it is obvious by the promises to Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers and supporters such as NARAL, by the President himself, that no one has any intention of working to reduce abortions. Further, amendments are being added to the healthcare plans to mandate the coverage and availability of abortions. Representative Carson, the majority of Americans are

NOT pro-choice and we are especially upset, not only that abortions would increase under this plan, but also that we are going to be forced to pay for abortions against our wills. Regardless of what pro-choice persons say, abortion is killing a human being. That is certainly immoral, unethical, and un-American (the “Right to

Life

, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.”). The other offensive and frightening scenario is the suggestion that once a person reaches a certain age, he will not be approved the same benefits as a younger, more “productive” citizen. The President himself stated, “...Grandma may need to just take a pain pill.” That mindset also leads to those handicapped persons. Will they, too, be considered as “worthy” of getting equal healthcare as the “productive” citizen? I have read other letters from citizens whose families have trouble getting insurance for members with disabilities due to the pre-existing condition. Yet, under the suggested healthcare plan, these citizens may also be refused extensive healthcare for the very fact that they are “disabled” and cannot contribute to society. Where will it end? That is the risk that would be faced when a “committee” in Washington can make these decisions at their whim. Where would be their oversight? Again, too much power given to too few in the government.

Please do not vote to support any of the proposed health care plans. We must not allow coverage of abortion in any plan, let alone mandate it. We must specifically state that abortion would NOT be covered. Abortion is not healthcare. It is destroying life, not maintaining or restoring it. Further, it damages the health of the mother and greatly increases her risk of future problems, both physical and emotional. Studies show it; they are just not well publicized because the media doesn’t want it out. There are definite links between abortion and breast cancer, as well as other serious side effects. Please work toward true reform to the current private quality healthcare system we now enjoy and not to the devastation of our entire healthcare industry.

Kathy

Indianapolis
, IN

August 10, 2009 Dear Representative Carson: I am a registered Republican in your district and a supporter of health care reform.

I do not know what form the bill will take as it comes out of Congress.

I hope you will stand firm and support a bill that is not watered down for Blue Dogs and Republicans.

Republicans belabor Americans with the threat that health care reform will produce a condition as terrible as the Canadian plan.

The reports I have seen indicate that Canadians are pretty well satisfied with their system. If that is true, why does the Democratic party avoid revealing the situation in Canada?

Why not call out those that discredit the Canadian system?

Now is them time to act.

Ram rod the bill over the Republicans if necessary.

Sincerely,

Dave

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